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SUBJECT: ROK NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NCC) REACTS
TO VERDICT ON REV PARK

1. IN SEPT 26 CONVERSATION, REV KIM KWAN SUK,
GENERAL SECRETARY OF KOREAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES TOLD EMBOFF THAT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WAS
SHOCKED AT COURT VERDICT FINDING REV PARK GUILTY OF CHARGE OF
PLOTTING OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT. SIMULTANEOUS
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUSPENSION OR PAROLE WAS MINIMUM
EXPECTATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. EXCLUSION OF
CHRISTIAN LEADERS FROM COURT ROOM WAS ALSO CONSIDERED
AS AN AFFRONT, WHICH REV KIM DESCRIBED AS FORM OF
"SECRET TRIAL".

2. AFTER TRIAL, KIM SAID HE WAS TELEPHONED BY ROK CIA
SECOND BUREAU DIRECTOR. CIA OFFICIAL INDICATED GOVT
IS CONSIDERING PAROLE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. HOWEVER,
KIM SAID NCC MET THIS AFTERNOON AND DECIDED TO SUPPORT AN
APPEAL OF COURT DECISION EVEN IF THIS WOULD JEOPARDIZE OFFER OF
PRESIDENTIAL PAROLE. KIM EXPLAINED THAT NCC FEELS
ACCEPTANCE OF PAROLE WITHOUT APPEAL WOULD PUT PRESIDENT
PARK IN LIGHT OF JUST, COMPASSIONATE LEADER, PARDONING
A GUILTY MAN. NCC IS NOT SO FAR PREPARED TO ACCEPT
PARK IN THAT ROLE.
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3. HOWEVER, KIM INDICATED NEITHER HE PERSONALLY NOR NCC LEADERSHIP IS CLOSING THE DOOR TO FURTHER CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROK CIA.
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